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REMARKS

- 1. The reply filed on May 22, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment to claim 35 in response to the 35 USC 101 rejection was to omit the terms "signal bearing" from the claim, regarding the medium. The removal of those terms broadens the claim and broadest reasonable interpretation includes those elements deleted, which is supported by the specification at page 3 lines 11-12. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the abovementioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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